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Applicants: Jansen *et al.*

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This communication is in response to the outstanding Election of Species Requirement mailed September 4, 2003, in the above-identified application, having a one-month period for response set to expire Monday, October 6, 2003. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified patent application are respectfully requested. Please credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) for consideration by the Examiner.

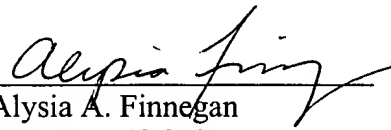
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The Office Action states that the present application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention and said species lack unity of invention under PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2. The Office Action further states that an election of species is required.

By way of this response, Applicants designate the species of HPV16 for examination on the merits. This election of species is being made with the understanding that the election requirement will be withdrawn upon making a determination that an allowable generic claim exists. All claims (1-12) read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below if such would advance the prosecution of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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